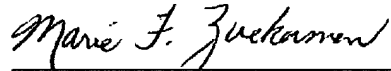


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CONCLUDING REMARKS

The entire "Amendments of the Claims" section of Applicants' amendment document (Response E: Response to Final Rejection), filed on December 4, 2003, has been re-submitted herein with corrections to defects made in some claim status identifiers. With correction of the claim status identifiers, Applicants' amendment document, filed on December 4, 2003, should now be in full compliance with the Patent Office Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants again respectfully request entry of Applicants' RCE of February 6, 2004; entry of Applicants' amendments originally submitted in Applicants' amendment document (Response E: Response to Final Rejection), filed on December 4, 2003, and now corrected as noted herein; and consideration of Applicants' arguments filed in Applicants' Response E of December 4, 2003. In view of the submission, it is submitted that all of the claims now stand in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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